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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CARY ET AL.

Examiner

D. S. NAKARANI

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 September 2003.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-25 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

- (1) Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-7 are, drawn to an appliance, classified in class 219, subclass 522.
 - II. Claims 8-25 is, drawn to a method for producing a laminate, classified in class 156, subclass 60⁺.
- (2) The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:
- (3) Inventions I and II are independent and distinct from each other because the invention I is directed to an appliance, having a panel formed from a glass/metal laminate while the invention II is directed to a method of making a glass/ metal laminate. The invention II does not result in article of the invention I.
- (4) Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- (5) During a telephone conversation with Mr. Dimitri Dovas, Reg. No. 51,627 on February 4, 2005 a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-7. Applicant in replying to this Office action must make affirmation of this election. Claims 8-25 withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

(6) Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

(7) Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

(8) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

(9) Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laroche et al (GB 2,074,089 A).

Laroche et al disclose a glass/metal laminates for production of decorative panels, mirrors etc. (Page 1, lines 6-8). Laroche et al disclose a stainless steel metal sheet (Page 1, lines 53-55). Laroche et al disclose removal of air by vacuum during bonding to avoid air bubbles (Page 3 lines 52-70). Laroche et al. disclose a metal sheet, which provides a radiant energy reflecting inner face, which is covered by glass. Therefore Laroche et al's adhesive deemed to be a

transparent adhesive (Page 3, lines 93-97). Laroche et al disclose glass such as soda lime glass (page 4, line 92). Laroche et al fail to disclose appliance having a glass/metal laminate panel, radiation curable adhesive, borosilicate glass and appliance having glass/metal panel with exposed glass surface of the appliance.

However in absence claiming structure of an appliance and establishing criticality of type of glass and of radiation curing adhesive, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to use glass/metal laminate panel of Laroche et al as decorative panel on appliance or wall. Also it would have been obvious to place decorative panel such a way so glass surface is an exposed surface.

No claims are allowed.

(10) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. S. Nakarani whose telephone number is (571) 272-1512. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday thru Fridays from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on (571) 272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Nakarani/LR
February 25, 2005


D. S. NAKARANI
PRIMARY EXAMINER